

**Remarks**

Claims 1-9 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof as being non-elected claims. Claim 12 and new claim 13 are readable upon the elected species, *Salmonella*.

Upon allowance of the claim directed to *Salmonella*, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the full scope of claim 1 encompassing, in addition, the species *Escherichia* and *Yersinia*.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 12 and 13, all claims presently in the application, recite a patentable improvement in the art. Favorable action is solicited.

Applicants do not believe that any other fee is due in connection with this filing. If, however, Applicants do owe any such fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 02-2334. In addition, if there is ever any other fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2334.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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